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Pamela Cooksey, PE
Deputy City Engineer
City of Des Moines-Engineering
400 Robert D. Ray Drive
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Ms. Cooksey:

RE: Review of Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Southeast Connector in Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Des Moines Southeast Connector. Our review is provided pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act 42 U.S.C. 4231, Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations 40 C.F.R. Parts 1500-1508, and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. The FEIS was assigned the CEQ number 20100043.

In our comment letter for the Draft EIS, EPA offered comments regarding Streams &/or Wetlands, Environmental Justice and Residential Displacement, Regulated Materials, and Potential Impacts Identified in Prior Consultation with EPA. It appears that all of our comments and suggestions have been sufficiently addressed in the FEIS.

Thank you for addressing our comments from the previous correspondence. We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments regarding this project and FEIS. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 913-551-7565 or via email at tucker.amber@epa.gov, or you may contact Joe Cothorn, NEPA Team Leader, at 913-551-7148 or via email at cothorn.joe@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amber Tucker".

Amber Tucker
NEPA Reviewer
Environmental Services Division